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1. APPRECIATE YOUR STRONG INTERVENTION WITH GARBA. SITUATION APPEARS MORE ENCOURAGING HERE. EVENING MARCH 23 AIS BOARD CHAIRMAN PACE INFORMED CHARGE HE HAD SEEN DEFENCE PERMSEC ADESANOYE WHO HAD BEEN NONPLUSSED BY DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTAINED THERE HAD BEEN NO CHANGE IN THE SITUATION. ADESANOYE WILL CHECK WITH ALABI, PERMSEC FOR SPECIAL DUTIES IN SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, FROM WHOM THE ORDER APPARENTLY EMANATED. ADESANOYE SURMISED THAT NO ONE IN THE MIDDLE GRADES OF GOVERNMENT WANTED TO ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR A CONSTRUCTION DELAY THAT MIGHT RAISE THE COST OF THE BARRACKS PROJECT, AND EASY WAY OUT WAS TO EVICT AIS. HE SAID HE FELT SURE HE COULD BRING THE MATTER UNDER CONTROL, PROMISED TO REPORT TO PACE EVENING MARCH 25 AND ASKED THAT WE TAKE NO ACTION WITH OBASANJO OR DANJUMA IN THE MEANTIME.

2. PACE SAID HE HAD LATER SEEN CHIEF BAYO KUKU AND LEARNED THAT THE CHIEF HAD SEEN ALABI, WHO CONFIRMED THAT HE HAD ISSUED THE ORDER FOR AIS TO VACATE BECAUSE THE BARRACKS
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CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT CALLED FOR THE LAND TO BE TURNED OVER TO THE BUILDERS WITHIN A MONTH. CHIEF KUKU SAID HE HAD REASONED WITH ALABI, EXPLAINED THAT A DELAY ONLY UNTIL MAY 21 WAS INVOLVED, AND BELIEVED HE HAD BROUGHT HIM ROUND.

3. THE SITUATION SEEMS TO BE TYPICALLY BYZANTINE, BUT APPEARS MOVING IN A FAVORABLE DIRECTION. WE HAVE RECEIVED

NO WRITTEN WGRD FROM MEA. I WILL CONTACT GARBA UPON HIS
ARRIVAL, AS HE REQUESTED, BUT ONLY TO INFORM HIM OF
ENCOURAGING PROGRESS IN THE MATTER. PLAN TO TAKE NO FURTHER
ACTION UNTIL AFTER PACE'S MEETING WITH ADESANOYE MARCH 25.
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